

RESOURCES be pleased to state:

[English]

(a) the details of projects for control of floods in Bihar, especially north Bihar pending with the Union Government;

(b) the progress made thereon so far; and

(c) the time by which those are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Out of 14 flood management schemes costing Rs. 97 crores received for clearance from Bihar, 11 schemes costing Rs. 61 crores pertain to North Bihar.

(b) and (c). Observation of Ganga Flood Control Commission on all schemes, except two received recently (1 of North Bihar) have been sent for compliance to the State government. The time for clearance of these schemes depends mainly on the prompt submission of satisfactory replies to the observations.

[Translation]

Jute Research Centres in Bihar

1325. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new Jute Research Centres in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of such Centres proposed to be opened along with their locations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Research Centre under All India Coordinated Research Project on Jute & Allied Fibres is already under operation at Katihar (Bihar).

Natural Gas in Gujarat

1326. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the natural gas reserves have been found in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether there is any proposal to appoint an independent body to explore oil and natural gas in Gujarat;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). So far, geological reserves to the extent of approximately 192 billion cubic meters of gas have been established in the Cambay Basin of Gujarat. At present all exploration in Gujarat is being carried out by the O.N.G.C.

[Translation]

Sale of Double Toned Milk by Mother Dairy

1327. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mother Dairy is still selling double toned milk even when there is for more production of milk these days; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Mother Dairy, Delhi, at present is selling double toned milk and standardised milk.

(b) Although with the onset of flush

season there has been some improvement in milk supply to Mother Dairy by the cooperative Federations, the overall availability of milk fat is not, as yet, adequate for switching over to toned milk.

[English]

Pamba-Achencovil-Vaigai Link Project

1328. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the feasibility study regarding Pamba-Achencovil-Vaigai Link Project has since been complete;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The National Water Development Agency has completed pre-feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaigai Link Project. The project envisages construction of one dam each on Pamba and achankovil in Kerala. The two dams will be interlinked by a 12 Km. long tunnel. A lift varying from 15 metre to 60 metre is involved for pumping the water from Achankovil to the link canal. Thereafter a 233 Km. long canal for taking 664 million cubic metre of water to Vaippar and Vaigai basins is proposed to be constructed. The pre-feasibility report prepared by the Agency has been sent to the Governments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu for their comments. The report was also discussed in the 15th meeting of the Technical Advisory committee of the Agency held on 14.6.1991 and the Government of Tamil Nadu was requested to take up the inter-State aspects with the Government of Kerala for arriving at a consensus for implementation of this project.

Utilisation of Waste Gas in Bombay High

1329. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:

SHRI SURYA NARAYAIN YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for utilisation of waste gas which is burning in Bombay High;

(b) Whether any proposal from the Government of Kerala has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). A letter has been received from the Government of Kerala for laying a pipeline from Bombay Offshore to Kerala. The question of setting up a Southern Gas Grid is being examined by an Inter-Ministerial Group.

Rise in Price of Stainless Steel

1330. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of Stainless Steel produced by the Salem Steel Rolling Mill has alarmingly gone up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the norms adopted for fixing the price;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to reduce the stainless steel price; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). The price of Stainless Steel produced by Salem Steel Plant was revised upward with effect from 26.7.1991 taking into consideration several